

Native American Reading List - SLICE™

Book Name	Author	Grade Level	Synopsis
100 Native Americans Who Shaped American History	Bonnie Juettner	5.0	Through the efforts of all these people-and many others-it's clear that Native Americans have not only survived but prospered, and will continue to shape American history for many years to come.
A Boy Named Beckoning The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero	Gina Capaldi	6.0	This biography profiles the life of a Native American boy named Wassaja, or "Beckoning," who grows up to become a doctor and leader for his people, calling out for their rights.
A Promise is a Promise	Robert N Munsch	2.8	A retelling of an Inuit story about how a mother saves her children from the Qallupillut who live below the ice-covered ocean.
A Rainbow at Night	Bruce Hucko	4.8	This is a collection of art by Navajo children which shows some of the special traditions of Navajo life.
American Indian Tribal Governments	Sharon O'Brien	13.5	
American Indian Children of the Past	Victoria Sherrow	7.2	Describes what life was like for Indian children growing up in various regions—Northeast , Southeast, Southwest, Plains, and Northwest Coast—during the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries.
Annie and the Old One	Miska Miles	4.4	Annie comes to accept the impending death of her grandmother, as she recognizes the wonder of life.

Apache Children and Elders Talk Together	E. Barrie Kavasch	3.9	Explores the culture and traditions of the Apache people through the voices of Apache children and older people.
Apache Rodeo	Diane Hoyt Goldsmith	6.5	
As the Eagle Goes	Anne Schraff	4.0	Jim's grandfather wants him to help erase the shame of Jim Thorpe's disqualification.
Bear Dance	Will Hobbs	5.0	While accompanying an elderly rancher on a trip into the San Juan Mountains, Cloyd, a Ute Indian boy, tries to help two orphaned grizzly cubs survive the winter and, at the same time, completes his spirit mission.
Bearstone	Will Hobbs	5.0	A troubled Native American boy goes to live with an elderly rancher whose caring ways help the boy become a man.
Black Elk Speaks	John G. Niehardt	5.0	Examines the life, culture, and spiritual beliefs of the Plains Indians during the tragic decades of the Custer battle, the ghost dance, and Wounded Knee.
Cheyenne Again	Eve Bunting	2.9	In the late 1880s, a Cheyenne boy named Young Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's way.
Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce	Bill McAuliffe	3.5	This book presents the story of the Indian leader who tried but failed to get his people into Canada in 1877 so that they would not be sent to a reservation.

Coyote Places the Stars	Harriet P. Taylor	4.3	In a Wasco Indian legend, Coyote rearranges the stars.
Coyote Walks on Two Legs	Gerald Hausman	3.5	We are not strangers and the Navajos say that we once spoke the same language.
Crazy Horses Vision	Joseph Bruchac	4	This is a story based on the life of the young Lakota boy, who grew up to be one of the bravest defenders of his people. He later became known as Crazy Horse.
Crossing Bok Chitto	Tim Tingle	4.4	In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with a slave boy from a plantation across the great river, and when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.
Dinetah, An Early History of the Navajo People	Lawrence Sundberg	6.4	
Dogsong	Gary Paulsen	5.2	A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy takes a 1,400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains.
Dream Wolf	Paul Goble	4.3	When two Plains Indian children become lost, they are cared for and guided safely home by a friendly wolf.
Eagle Boy: A Traditional Navajo Legend	Gerald Hausman	4.2	Father and Mother Eagle take a Navajo boy to the country of the clouds where, though he allows Coyote to trick him, he learns the healing ways of eagles.
Everybody Needs a Rock	Byrd Baylor	3.3	This book describes the qualities to consider in selecting the perfect rock for play and pleasure.
Grandfather's Story of Navajo Monsters	Richard Red Hawk	4.5	"Long ago," Grandfather said, beginning the monster stories with an excited voice, "the Dine' or Navajo people were being harmed by monsters. So two young warriors--the Twins--went to their father for help."

Grandma Calls Me Beautiful	Barbara M. Joose	2.7	A Hawaiian grandmother tells her granddaughter a favorite story about how much she loves her. The book includes a glossary with definitions and explanations of Hawaiian words and customs.
Grandmothers Pigeon	Louise Erdich		Passenger pigeon hatchlings, thought to be extinct, are discovered in Grandmothers room after she departs on a voyage to Greenland.
Gray Wolf's Daughter	BY HINOOK-MAHIWI-KILINAI (ANGEL DE CORA)	6.7	A Short Story
Hosteen Klah	Franc Johnson Newcomb		Navajo Medicine Man and Sand Painter
How the Stars Fell into the Sky	Jerrie Oughton	4.3	This book is a retelling of the Navajo legend that explains the patterns of the stars in the sky.
Indian Killer	Sherman Alexie	5.0	Interest Level: Upper Grades A serial murderer is terrorizing Seattle, hunting and scalping white men.
Indian Shoes	Cynthia Leitich Smith	5.2	Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds solutions to life's challenges
<u>Indian Why Stories</u>			
Jingle Dancer	Cynthia Leithich Smith	3.7	Jenna borrows jingles from the dresses of several friends and relatives so that she can perform the jingle dance at the
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	5.8	Common sense and courage enable a young Eskimo girl to survive when she becomes lost in the Arctic wild.

Kahasi and the Loon an Eskimo Legend	Terri Cohlene	4.4	This book retells the legend of Ka-ha-si, who acquires great strength and boldness and uses them to rescue his people in times of peril. It Includes some information on the customs and lifestyle of the Eskimos.
Keepers of the Earth	Caduto and Bruchac		
Kinaalda' A Navajo Girl Grows Up	Monty Roessel	5.0	Celinda McKelvey, a Navajo girl, participates in the Kinaalda, the traditional coming-of-age ceremony of her people.
Kokopelli's Flute	Will Hobbs	5.3	Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American Magic.
Land of the Gray Wolf The	Thomas Locker	4.7	Running Deer and his fellow tribesmen take special care of their land until they lose it to invading white settlers, who wear it out and leave it to recover on its own.
Laughing Boy	Oliver LaFarge	5.7	This novel has been called the greatest Indian love story of all time -- an American classic.
Little Firefly an Algonquian Legend	Terri Cohlene	4.8	
Mama, Do You Love Me?	Barbara M. Joosse	2.3	A child living in the Arctic learns that a mother's love is unconditional.
Maria Tallchief Native American Ballerina	Paul Lang	4.2	Tells the story of Maria Tallchief, focusing on her Native American background and her rise to fame with the New York City Ballet.
Monster Birds	Vee Browne	5.5	Monster Birds preyed upon the people of the Anasazi village, Sunbearer, gave his sons the most powerful weapons on earth-- the lightning arrows and magic feathers--so they could protect their people from the Monster Birds.

Monster Slayer	Vee Browne	3.5	This book represents one portion of the traditional Navajo Monster Slayer story. The Walking Giant is one of four monsters who plague the Anasazi villages.
Morning Girl	Michael Dorris	4.9	A young Taino girl goes swimming off her Bahamian island and meets Christopher Columbus' landing party in this vivid portrait of a Native American family and their culture.
Morning on the Lake	Jan Bordeau Waboose	3.7	Three linked stories in which an Ojibway child learns from his grandfather the ways of nature and discovers his own place in the world.
My Name is Sally Little Song	Brenda Woods	4.4	After learning that their owner plans to sell the children, twelve-year-old Sally and her family run away from their Georgia plantation to look for both freedom from slavery and a home in Florida with the Seminole Indians.
Native American Doctor: The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte	Jeri Ferris	6.6	A biography of the young Omaha Indian woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.
Navajo Code Talkers	Nathan Aaseng	9.5	The story of the Navajo Indians who served in World War II by using their ancient tribal language as a means of secret military communication.
Naya Nuki: A Shoshone Girl Who Ran	Kenneth Thomasma	5.6	A beautiful story of Naya Nuki, an eleven-year-old Indian girl, who was taken captive. She is determined to escape and return to her own people a thousand miles away.
Osceola Seminole Warrior	William Sanford	4.0	Biography of the Native American who defended his people against the U. S. Army.

Old Indian Legends	Zitkala Sa	6	
One Small Blue Bead	Byrd Baylor	4	A boy makes it possible for an old man in their primitive tribe to go in search of other men in far-off places.
Pocahontas	Joseph Bruchac	6.3	This story, told from the viewpoints of Pocahontas and John Smith, describes their lives in the context of the encounter between the Powhatan Indians and the English colonists of 17th century Jamestown, Virginia.
Racing the Sun	Paul Pitts	5.0	When twelve-year-old Brandon's Navajo grandfather comes to live with him, Brandon is forced to consider his heritage and his father's rejection of the old ways.
Rain Is Not My Indian Name	Cynthia Leitich Smith	5.8	Tired of staying in seclusion since the death of her best friend, a fourteen-year-old Native American girl takes on a photographic assignment with her local newspaper to cover events at the Native American summer youth camp.
Rainbow Crow	Nancy Van Laan	4.3	When the weather changes and the ever-falling snow threatens to engulf all the animals, it is Crow who flies up to receive the gift of fire from the Great Sky Spirit.
Red Fox and his Canoe	Nataniel Benchley	2.2	A young Indian boy receives a larger canoe along with some unforeseen complications.
Reservation Blues	Sherman Alexie	4.6	Interest Level: Upper Grades Thomas and his Coyote Springs bandmates careen through ancestral nightmares and rock-and-roll dreams, sounding chords of celebration and survival as timeless as their tribe.

Sacagawea and the Bravest Deed	Stephen Krensky	3.0	Young Sacagawea wants to be as brave as her brother, but she is not allowed to hunt with him to prove it. Then, while gathering wood with her grandmother, an angry rattlesnake shows Sacagawea that there are many ways to be brave.
Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell	4.9	The forced migration of Navahos from their homeland, is described from the Native American point of view.
Star Boy	Paul Goble	4.1	Relates the Blackfoot Indian legend in which Star Boy gains the Sun's forgiveness for his mother's disobedience and is allowed to return to the Sky World.
The Navajos	Virginia Sneve	5.7	Provides an overview of the history, culture, and ways of life of the Navaho, or Pueblo, Indians.
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie	4.0	Interest Level: Upper Grades Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.
The Apache Indians	Bill Lund	3.6	Provides an overview of the past and present lives of the Apache people, covering their daily life, customs, relations with the government and others, and more.
The Basket Maker and the Spinner	Beatrice Siegel	7.0	Modern technology has all but swallowed up the great art of basketry of our Indian ancestors. Baskets bring back to us the inner solitude and artistry of Indian women whose role in thousands of years of the continent's history we have yet to appreciate. The spinner also talks of an earlier time. but in a different voice
The Birchbark House	Louise Erdrich	6.1	Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

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The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow	Ann Turner	6.5	The Diary of Sarah Nita, a Navajo Girl New Mexico, 1864
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	Paul Goble	4.1	Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.
The Goat in the Rug	Charles L. Blood	3.9	Geraldine, a goat, describes each step as she and her Navajo friend make a rug, from the hair clipping and carding to the dyeing and actual weaving. By Geraldine, as told to Charles L. Blood and Martin Link.
The Great Ball Game	Joseph Bruchac	3.1	Bat, who has both wings and teeth, plays an important part in a game between the Birds and the Animals to decide which group is better.
The Indian School	Gloria Whelan	4.3	In 1839, newly orphaned eleven-year-old Lucy goes to live with her missionary aunt and uncle who run a school for Indian children in northern Michigan.
The Mud Pony	Caron Lee Cohen	3.7	A poor boy becomes a powerful leader when Mother Earth turns his mud pony into a real one, but after the pony turns back to mud, he must find his own strength.

The Navajo	Alice Osinski	5.1	A brief history of the Navajo Indians describing customs, interactions with white settlers, and changes in traditional ways of life brought on by modern civilization.
The Pueblo Indians	Liza N. Burby	8.8	Examines the history, culture, and way of life of the Pueblo Indians.
The Rough-Face Girl	Rafe Martin	4.0	In this Algonquin Indian version of the Cinderella story, the Rough-Face Girl and her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the affections of the Invisible Being.
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth G. Spear	4.0	A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.
The Song of Hiawatha	Henry W. Longfellow	6.5	<i>The Song of Hiawatha</i> , based on an accumulation of American Indian stories and legends
The People Shall Continue	Simon Ortiz	4.2	This book traces the progress of the Indians of North America from the time of the Creation to the present.
The Table Where Rich People Sit	Byrd Baylor	4.3	A girl discovers that her impoverished family is rich in things that matter in life, especially being outdoors and experiencing nature.

The Wigwam and the Longhouse	Charlotte, David Yue	6.3	From the Northwest Territories of Canada as far southeast as Virginia in the United States, bark became indispensable to the everyday life of Native peoples.
This Land is My Land	George Littlechild	4.7	Using text and his own paintings, the author describes the experiences of Indians of North America in general as well as his experiences growing up as a Plains Cree Indian in Canada.
Thunder Rolling In the Mountains	S O'Dell/Elizabeth Hall	4.6	In the late nineteenth century, a young Nez Perce girl relates how her people were driven off their land by the U. S. Army and forced to retreat north until their eventual surrender.
Turkey's Gift to the People	Ani Rucki	6.5	When a great wall of water threatens to destroy them, the animals band together to save themselves, but it is the turkey who remembers to save the seeds they will need to rebuild their lives.
Walker of Time	Helen Hughes Vick	8.0	A fifteen-year-old Hopi boy and his freckled companion travel back 800 years to the world of the Sinagua culture, a group of people beset by drought and illness and in need of a leader.
Walker's Journey Home	Helen Hughes Vick	8.0	Sequel to: Walker of time Summary: Still trapped in ancient times, fifteen-year-old Walker reluctantly accepts the responsibility of leading a group of Indians on a difficult and dangerous journey across the high desert country of northern Arizona to a new home on the Hopi mesas.

Walks in Beauty	Hazel Krantz	5.4	Fifteen-year-old Anita Whiterock, a Navajo teenager living on a New Mexico reservation, struggles with conflicting forces as she tries to reconcile traditional Navajo ways with her desires for progress.
When the Legends Die	Hal Borland	5.2	A modern Indian boy is left alone to live in the wilderness.
Wolf Child	Nolan Dennis	5.1	Too weakened by illness to be a hunter, nine-year-old Teo is apprenticed to the toolmaker Mova but leads a lonely existence until he finds and befriends an orphaned wolf cub. But food is scarce and the leader of the clan is against keeping the animal.

